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## Cornyval to Run Apr. 29-May 2

### Person-to-Person

A happy couple joining the Young-Grandparents Set this month are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bergstrom of Helotes Ranch Acres. Although their busy schedule included chairman of the Fiesta Float for the Cornyval and getting ready for Night in Old San Antonio, they were very pleased to welcome their first grandchild, little Miss Michele Renee Colbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Colbert, their son-in-law and daughter. The baby girl was born at 8:15 a.m. April 15 and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Her young uncle is Larry, Jr., who attends Helotes School.

Mickey Burch has bought a home and two acres in Dickinson, Texas where he is employed by the Shell Oil Co. His mother, Mrs. Georgia Burch, was by to see us at the Echo office recently and reports he now weighs 175 pounds. Mrs. Burch, who maintained a Scenic Loop home many years, now lives in San Antonio.

H. L. and Susan Miller write that they are enjoying Azusa, Calif., although "the earthquake shook us up a mite." They lived here on the Bandera Road and he was "Mr. M." to his friends and customers.

Hub Stappenbeck was recently cited in "National News & Views," a publication for printers, for being 100 per cent over his quota. He is the man who keeps the presses humming over most of South Texas. Kerrville shops recently put in the type of S.O.S. call that have become routine to him. He is what is known as a printer's printer.

Captain Carlos D. Willrath and wife of Miami, Florida, recently spent several days with his uncle, Otto Weltner of Grey Forest. Mr. Wallrath has just retired as pilot for the Braniff airlines after some 30 years. Other visitors to Mr. Weltner's home were Carl Herbel and Rev. Wm. C. Anderson of New Braunfels, who spent the day one recent Monday.

Two days after her birthday, Mrs. Sam Snell who lives on Woodhaven in Alamo Heights was given a Surprise Party on April 4 by her sisters and brothers and her husband, Sam. They have eight children. With all the family and friends—she had a real event for this special birthday. Walter Schuh of Helotes is one of the brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Snell own two beauty shops in San Antonio, and are well-known in this field. She was so surprised, that everyone is still talking about it.

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### Horse Show To Be Sunday

A big feature of the Festival will be the third annual Hill Country Horse Show Sunday, May 2—the final day of the Cornyval — from 1:30 p.m. to dark.

The show is sponsored by the Saddle Tramps Riding Club of Helotes with Dee McKay as president.

Chairman of the show is Mrs. Roberta Gauthier who has Mrs. Delores Brookes as her co-chairman.

The show ring is located on Pepper Martin's 6-M Ranch on Farm Road 1560—a half-mile west of Bandera Road.

Entries will be accepted until 1:30 p.m. showtime. Mrs. Gauthier has announced. To be judged will be 11 classes, and entry fees are \$2 for each class, to participate. General divisions include halter classes, Western pleasure, a reining class and barrel racing. Trophies will be awarded.

Show judge is Don Richardson of Lampasas.

Ring master will be Dr. William Rowe of Helotes.

For entry rules and regulations, contestants may contact



WILLIE NELSON

### He's Grand Marshall of the Cornyval Parade Saturday

Mrs. Gauthier at P.O. Box 335, Helotes, Texas 78023 or call the Little Red Saddle Shop.

### Helotes To Host True West Party

It's Cornyval time in Helotes—True West Capital of Bexar County. Fairgoers have been promised the fun-packed features they have come to expect plus added attractions by the Helotes Spring Festival Assn., Inc.

On Thursday, April 29, the gates swing open for the 6th Annual event, and a show has been planned to entertain thousands. There were more than 23,000 here last year, and officers and chairmen of the 1971 affair promise that everyone will be glad they came back again this year.

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Miss Helotes 1971 will be chosen from among high school girls of the area. The event is in charge of Mrs. Norman Bodet and will be held in the Confraternity Building adjacent to the Catholic Church on Riggs Road. Miss Jeanette Shoaf, 1970 Miss Helotes, will crown her successor. There will be entertainment. Admission is free.

On Friday, food booths open at 6 p.m. at the Helotes Park Plaza on Bandera Road in preparation for the famed Free Street Dance featuring the music of Dale Keith and his Starlite Ram-

blers, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available, according to Leon Scheuneman, dance chairman, and there will be plenty of corn, as well as other favorites, he said.

SATURDAY is very big with a Western parade stretching three miles from Toepperwein's Corner through downtown Helotes. There will be military and high school bands, floats—including one Helotes entered in the Fiesta—a Flambeau float, local ones, horses, etc.—more than 50 items according to Mr. Fay Martin who is co-chairman with Mr. Frank Corte. The parade will be judged before take-off times which is 11:30 a.m.

Meanwhile, the parade route will come into full bloom with food and craft booths and an invitational art show. Anyone wishing—  
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## Pre-Festival Gala Proves Fun



Photos by Bill Terry

The annual Fund-raising Festival Dance featured a preview of the Big Show itself. Pictured center is Dale Keith entertaining at John Floore Country Store the Festival Assn. dancers and guests. Around him are, top left, Allen Fischer, a band member, playing the harmonica; and below, Cowboy-Artist Charlie Moss singing his composition, "Helotes." Top left is 1970 Miss Helotes, Jeanette Shoaf, welcoming the guests; and below, Mrs. Rick (Betsy) Cairns, Echo staffer, enjoying her first pre-Festival event.





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Helotes area public officials have been notified by the State Department of Health that the district director of disaster medical care is William S. Moore, M.D., of San Antonio. He is responsible for the total medical re-

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All Northside District high schools sent marching bands to help celebrate the Fiesta in San Antonio this week and they have been invited to march in the Helotes Festival Cornyal parade here Saturday, May 1 at 11:30 p.m.

Among seven honored bands which opened the Battle of Flowers Band Festival the evening of April 22 in Alamo Stadium were the marching bands of both John Marshall and John Jay. They took part in musical formations.

Then on April 23, John Jay's band was one of a half-dozen high school bands taking part in the famed Battle of Flowers parade through downtown San Antonio.

## Grey Forest Elects Three

Top vote-getter in the City of Grey Forest election April 3, was a candidate who used the strategy of running on both tickets in a race that saw five candidates seeking three positions.

A record 174 votes were cast in elections to name three councilmen, with five citizens running in the actively campaigned race.

Two incumbents seeking re-election successfully maintained their offices. The post previously held by Gary Prejean who did not seek re-election was captured by Mario Barrera running on both of the opposing tickets. Re-elected were Mrs. Alta McCoy and Mrs. Dorothy Parrot, opposed by a ticket headed by Barrera and including Edwin Faust, a former councilman, and Chuck Dreyer, a previous candidate.

In a recount of votes, the original position was maintained by each candidate with 22 votes being picked up overall, which had not been tallied in the first count.

Councilmen Sherwood Nelson and H. A. Mikel, and Mayor Charles O. Brown have terms running until 1972.

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## Study Shows

## Farmers Need Water From Medina Lake

San Antonio's plans for acquiring Medina Lake for recreation and water supply purposes received a setback from a just-issued report of a Fort Worth water engineering firm.

The Fort Worth firm, Freese, Nichols and Endress, after a one-year study, said the plan is not feasible. In general, the plan proposed to give farmers in the Natalia-Lytle-Devine area, who own the water in Medina Lake, water from Mitchell Lake in exchange.

The report concluded that for the next 20 years there will not be a substantial amount of reclaimed water from the three San Antonio sewage treatment plants for use other than providing cooling water for the City Public Service Board generating plants.

Also, the cost of treating sewage to make it usable for irrigation for food crops is prohibitive, and besides the use of such water for root crops is not permitted by State law.

## "Come to the Cornyval"

For the sixth time the Helotes Spring Festival invites all the people of South Texas as well as their guests to take part in a celebration which dates from the opening of the present post office in 1966. But that is only part of the story. From the first years of Helotes—dating to pre-history—this has been a land of festivity. Countless hundreds have kept this spirit alive everyday here while doing their part to make this a good place to live. We salute them this year.

And if those weren't reasons enough, the engineers were of the opinion that even if irrigation from Medina Lake were stopped, it would still be practically dry during drought cycles.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE

To the Voters of  
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Mr. Chuck Dreyer and Mr. Ed Faust wish to express their sincere appreciation to the many citizens of Grey Forest for their support in the recent election. It is obvious that many citizens have the courage to vote as their personal convictions dictate in spite of the "scare campaign" conducted by the opposition. We sincerely hope that each citizen will take the time to visit City Hall for a firsthand look at the status of the current financial position of our city-operated gas utility. If any citizen is doubtful as to the facts presented in their letter that was distributed to voters, Mr. Faust will personally volunteer to accompany him to the City Hall for a firsthand look at any records that they so desire for verification. We also wish that each citizen would take time to attend at least some of the future city council meetings. In this manner the citizens will gain firsthand knowledge as to the management capability, good or bad, of the city council. Unless the voices and opinions of many citizens are heard at city council meetings, we feel that the present conditions will become far worse. Again we thank the citizens who supported us in the recent election. You can rest assured that we will continue to speak up for the greatest benefit of ALL citizens.

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Services were held at the Zion Lutheran Church in Helotes with Rev. C. L. Bohls officiating, on Sunday afternoon April 18, 1971. Burial was in the Zion Lutheran Church.

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With the local hospitals, schools, sub-tropical weather, and established towns like Helotes and nearby Leon Valley a short distance from a major city—aluring San Antonio—they are optimistic of the future here.

The University of Texas at San Antonio, added on to the education from Northside District schools, increase their belief in the area's future.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry have five children—two boys and three girls attending school at Leon Valley, Pat Neff or John Marshall. They are Dennie, Jr., Donald, Judy, Teresa and Becky.

The nursery is a whole family project. They recently won a first prize, a truck at a convention. They specialize in specimen



Photo by Bill Terry  
Dennie Berry, Jr., a Marshall student, here is shown helping prune plants at his family's growing business.

plants, large plants and large trees. In 1967-68, they laid the grass for HemisFair. Then two years ago, they moved from San Antonio to Bandera Road here. They have 21 acres of land, room enough for their green-houses. They invite their friends and neighbors and Hill Country visi-

## HAPPY GARDENING

(An Echo ★ Feature)

April is the month that tells the story in gardens. And March is the introduction . . . a time of discovery when trees begin to bud out, and bright flowers both wild and cultivated put out a display in the hills—with the live oaks suddenly dropping their leaves to startle newcomers.

All of 1971 has been dry—and this is the time that a happy gardener begins to appreciate succulents and ornamental cactus as well as desert palms.

If you have plants that love moisture, water in the evening to prevent loss from the late Spring winds. For forest-dwelling plants, leave a light dressing of leaves to protect from the hot sun. Should the rains devoutly hoped for show in time, the warm Spring air will quickly melt these into the soil. Our oak-leafmold is the best food for azaleas and roses.

This is a great time to plant dogwood and magnolia which transplant better in Spring. And if you want to choose azaleas for the right color accent, plant them at this time also. That is if you have time to keep them well watered until established.

For quick shade for a porch or window, plant vines—queen's crown, morning glory, cinnamon vine, moonflower, Dutchman's pipe, or bignonia.

Watch for the clover-leaved blue bonnets and let them go to seed before moving.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be in Boerne at the Courthouse annex on April 27 and each Tuesday afternoon in May at 1 p.m. to help anybody who has a problem about old age insurance or survivors or disability payments.

## Along Our Route

San Antonio, Texas  
Gentlemen:

My good friend, John T. Floore, sent me the Helotes Echo for March, 1971 showing the picture of my very, very good friend, former Lion, etc., Alex Parrigin, who I considered it a privilege to know for more than 60 years.

In the write-up, it suggested that the Helotes Lions Club has announced that the new pavilion being built at its club house will be named the Alex L. Parrigin Memorial Pavilion and invites friends to send donations to the building fund. I am sending my check for \$50 for the Alex L. Parrigin Memorial Pavilion. I am sending it as a personal friend and, incidentally, I happen to be past president of the San Antonio Lions Club, past District Governor, Texas 2A and now International Counsellor.

I consider it a real opportunity to participate in this memorial fund.

Arthur E. Biard

Dear Lucy:

The above is a couple of news items for the Echo! Surely have

deep emotions on leaving the "Loop." Maybe some day we can return and retire there. Best regards to you and C. O.

Love, Cathy Pinson

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Editors:

Here is my much delayed subscription. I really enjoy reading the Echo. Sorry I have been so slow about sending check. Guess your new Business Manager will get us delinquent subscribers in line.

Lans and Mabel Brown

Grey Forest, Texas

Helotes Echo:

You folks are doing a fine work. I enjoy every issue. In fact, I look forward to the next issue.

Mary Moore

Leon Valley

Dear Friends:

Please renew my subscription for another two years. The Echo is the greatest!

Mrs. Robert Tezel

## Festive Fashion

(Echo ★ Feature)

By Virginia Van Steenberg

In this year of total fashion confusion, individuality is beginning to emerge as the best of all Fashion notes . . . And in Helotes and the surrounding Hill Country . . . the Western look is charging forward. For those who feel this is anti-fashion, there is the word of the late great "Coco" Chanel to prove them wrong.

Attending a ranch party—in Texas—during her trip to Dallas to be guest of honor at a Fashion Exposition back in September of 1957, Mlle. Gabrielle Chanel looked over the cowboys and cowgirls and commented at a press conference on the then current Western look. She did not go for the broom skirts then in vogue except as square dance costumes, but she liked the striped short jackets worn over white pleated shirts by the men—and she expressed a desire for a dress like it. When she returned to Paris, she promptly designed several versions . . . with skirts.

When asked in that year about hemlines—which were wavering frantically at the moment—she gave this common sense rule—"If the length does not look well on you, do not wear it."

She is of course famous for introducing the first stretch materials into fashion—in the form of wool and silk jersey which she discovered by seeing cotton jersey used in military hospitals during World I. She also made black fashionable—it is said in mourning for her country during that same period. She was honored the world over for what she

thought was just good Fashion sense . . . Wear short evening dress if you are not going to a real ball in a ball gown with an escort who is wearing tails and white ties, especially if the car is small, she suggested.

She explained that Fashion is not for the slim 18-year-olds alone. Millions of other women have the right to be both elegant and comfortable, too, she said.

She would doubtless approve many pant suits for the active life here. Her dresses and suits with elegant blouses always had long sleeves, and buttons were invisible so that they would not compete with the real or costume jewelry that she incorporated in her fashions.

This is the final year for a genuine Chanel collection. But the fashions which she created have been worn by every woman in America at some time and her dictums will remain as a steady influence on clothes for all time. So along with Coco, all we can say, is if the style feels comfortable and looks good and you like it—you can't go far wrong. Enjoy it.

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# San Antonio Eyes Grey Forest Gas

The City of Grey Forest has been notified that the City Public Service Board of San Antonio is preparing an offer to buy the Grey Forest natural gas utility, which serves much of northwest Bexar County

plus the City of Boerne.

Mayor C. O. Brown of Grey Forest said that CPSB representatives first approached Grey Forest officials about selling all or part of the system last summer. San Antonio then was planning to annex some 55 square miles of territory southeast of the Helotes area. This was scaled down to the approximately six square miles annexed recently.

Nothing more was heard from CPSB until three weeks ago, Mayor Brown said.

The Grey Forest utility was built in 1968 at a cost of \$1,400,000, financed by a loan from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The system now has about 1,100 customers.

At the time the utility system was built, during the previous administration an agreement was signed with San Antonio that no customer within the city limits could be served by the Grey Forest company, and that San Antonio would have the right to buy any part of the system that lay in an annexed area.

CPSB representatives last summer said Grey Forest could choose to keep any part of the system not in annexed territory, but they warned, "San Antonio is going to keep nibbling away at your system until all that Grey Forest has left will be just that part protected by the city limits of Grey Forest."

Revenues from such a small system would not even support its maintenance, they pointed out.

Mayor Brown said this situation might not have come up if the Board of Regents of the University of Texas had not chosen the Loop 1604 site—between Babcock and Fredericksburg Roads—for the new University.



Eddie Sherman of Helotes, left, is shown being awarded a first place in San Antonio Junior Showmanship Show with his German Shepherd, "Marin Hollow's Mr. Marvel." Both will participate in the German Shepherd Dog Club Show on Sunday, May 2, in the Helotes Spring Festival.

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The program includes the following, according to Mrs. Edwin Sherman, one of the show chairmen:

1. Lackland Air Force Base will present the Military Working Dog—the canine heroes of our nation's defense.

2. Mr. William Holmes of Center Point, Texas, will have his "seeing eye" dog guide him through an obstacle course to show how the blind are aided by these wonderful dogs.

3. Mr. Basil Taylor, who teaches obedience classes for the club, will hold an obedience show.

4. Mr. Bob Priest will emcee

a conformation show—which is essentially a "beauty" contest.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Jim DuJardin will conduct Junior Showmanship, which will demonstrate how easily our young German Shepherd fanciers can handle our huge dogs.

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## Miller-Garner Rites Held in Maryland

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After the wedding in the First Baptist Church, the couple flew to California for their honeymoon, and so the parents of the bridegroom could meet their new

daughter-in-law. The bridegroom now is on active duty in Alaska.

After the bride graduates from high school in May, she will join her husband in Alaska.

The bridegroom attended Marshall High School here. For friends who may wish to write, mail will be forwarded from his parent's address until he is assigned a new address, PFC L. J. Miller, 17203 Woodcroft Ave., Azusa, Calif.

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¼ cup sour cream  
¼ cup butter  
Salt and pepper to taste.  
Melt butter in skillet, add vegetables and seasonings—but not the sour cream, yet. Saute for 8 to 10 minutes over low heat. When tender, add sour cream, and heat before serving.

### Verna Caudle

Verna Caudle, long time resident of Helotes, who was born in Ozona, Texas November 12, 1895 passed away in Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio on March 21, 1971 at the age of 75.

He recently became a resident of Boerne. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Orabelle, Bernice, Lynda, and one son, Greg.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 23 from the Wilkerson Funeral Home in Brady, Texas. Interment was in the family plot in Live Oak Cemetery in Brady, Texas.

Mr. Caudle was well-known in Helotes and was kindly regarded by all who knew him. Sympathy is extended to his family and many friends.

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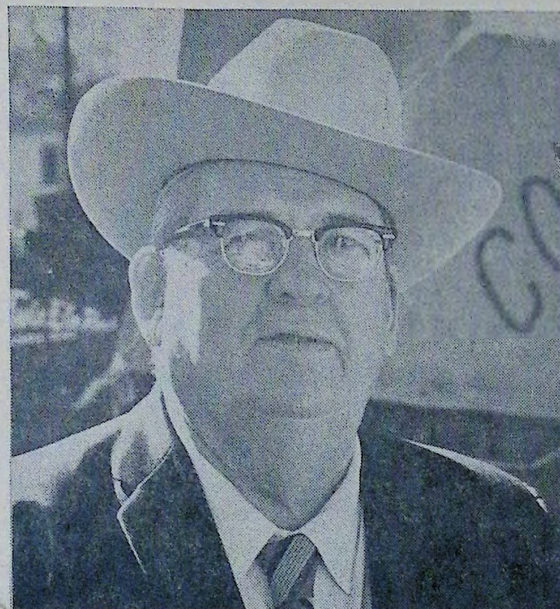


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## Cornyval . . .

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ing to join may contact Fred Pizini or check at the Helotes General Store or the Helotes Echo for details.

All day Sunday, as well as Saturday, will be devoted to special events. There will be a mini-bike race on Saturday at 4 p.m. on

In photo to the left: John T. Floore who with Willie Nelson is this year's honorary grand marshal helped launch the Helotes Spring Festival in the '60s, and is a director of the Festival Assn.

private roads, and Al Slaughter and his Bexar County Gunslingers will stage shows.

Saturday night features a Big Howdy Dance at John Floore Country Store with Dale Keith playing. Donation is one dollar per person.

MOORE'S GREATER SHOWS will be here all four days, next to Floore Road and Scenic Loop near the bridge in downtown Helotes.

THE HELOTES ART GUILD WILL HAVE A TWO-DAY show on the grounds of the Helotes Art Gallery featuring "The Best in the West," and many other kinds of fine art and crafts.

Dozens of organizations have planned the party and it will be very big this year, said one spokesman. There will even be two first-aid stations—one at the Fire House and the other at the Helotes Inn.

You all come, and take in everything—including the horse show.

## Fr. Kuehne Marks Golden Jubilee

Invitations are out to residents of this community to participate in celebrating Holy Mass observing the Golden Jubilee in the Society of Mary, a Catholic order of priests and brothers, of Father Cyril Matthew Kuehne, S.M. on Sunday, May 2, at 4 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church adjacent to St. Mary's University.

A reception will follow the ceremony. Father Kuehne was pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here for 13 years and is well-known as a writer, including the authoritative "Ripples of Medina Lake."

### New England Travelogue

San Antonio Travelogues will present John Roberts with "Highlights of New England," Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of Alamo Heights High School, 6900 Broadway. Admission is \$1.95 per person. Tickets will be available at the door. The filmed trip through historical New England will be the final in a series of seven travelogues presented this year.

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# Billy Grays Honeymoon in Europe



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Eugene Gray, Jr.

Miss Peggy Jo Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Pittman, became the bride of Billy Eugene Gray, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy E. Gray, Sr., in a ceremony at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in San Antonio with Rev. Robert Kuhlmann officiating. The date was Saturday evening, March 27, 1971.

Attendants of the bride included Mrs. John Jones, matron of honor; the following bridesmaids, Miss Diane Gray, sister of the bridegroom, Miss Ann Hernandez and Mrs. Bruce Creager. Junior bridesmaids were Miss Susan Pittman, and Miss Ann Pittman, sister of the bride.

Best man was John Mayfield. Groomsmen included Andrew Melgaard, David Rogers, and John Jones. Ushers were Theodore Gray, brother of the bridegroom; David Darnell, and Robert Walz.

Flower girl was Miss Sherri Pittman, sister of the bride. Ringbearer was the bridegroom's brother, Donald Gray.

The reception following the ceremony was held at the Confraternity Building of Helotes Catholic Church.

The couple will reside in Freeport, Texas until June when they will return. The bridegroom is a student at Trinity University.



Photo by Bill Terry

Mrs. Carleton Shead, shown here with one of her prize-winning arrangements in the recent flower show, was sweepstakes winner.

## Garden Club Has Show

Winners in the April 3 flower show here were Mrs. Carleton Shead, sweepstakes, and Mrs. C. B. Laughlin who took the Award of Distinction.

The Helotes Hills Garden Club Flower Show—Salute to the Seasons—was held in the Confraternity Bldg. of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and was the second standard show put on by this club.

Judges praised the group for their originality and quality show. These included Mrs. Hollis Colemere, Mrs. C. C. Whitchee, and Mrs. C. Thomas Hotchkiss of San Antonio Garden Center.

Mrs. Shead, who resided in Japan where her husband was on duty as a Colonel in the armed services, entered the show as a new member. It was her first time to participate in a standard show.

## Oxford Methodist Gala To Be May 15

The annual spring festival at Oxford United Methodist Church will be held Saturday, May 15, from 11:30 a.m. till 8 p.m. The public is invited to join in celebrating the church's 14th year of service to the Locke Hill community.

Barbecued ham and sausage plates will be \$1.50 for adults and 85 cents for children. "Peppermint Parlour," a variety show, will be staged by the youth of the church.

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## George P. Mandry Dies in 80th Year

A member of the pioneer Mandry family here, George P. Mandry, 79, died in his sleep March 29, 1971. He was active in the community until his death. His survivors include George Mandry, Jr., a Leon Valley merchant.

The Mandry family emigrated to San Antonio from Germany in 1876. They operated the first co-opage in this area and built cypress water tanks—some of which are still in use. One is located across from Braun Hall. They also made washing machines and brewing vats. Some of the vats were installed at Pearl, Lone Star, and Monterrey Brewery, Mexico in 1916, where they were taken by train and mule-pack.

Mr. Mandry was employed for many years by the City of San Antonio as foreman of the City Material Yards, during which time he erected the Tobin Memorial on Cincinnati near Woodlawn Lake in the 1930's. This arch at the Josephine Tobin Drive entrance to the park area still stands.

Later, as a general contractor, he installed sewage disposal plants on Matagorda Island for the U.S. Air Force, and at Uvalde for that City. Before his retirement in 1960, he was in charge of Base Housing Maintenance at Randolph Air Force Base. He was a charter member of the San Antonio Gun Club and the Hermann Sons Anton Wenzel Lodge.

A resident of Leslie Road in Helotes, Mr. Mandry's life spanned a period of much growth in this area. He was the first person to drive an automobile West of the Pecos River.

Mr. Mandry was born January 18, 1892, and married Clara J. Heubaum on December 12, 1913. He is survived by his wife, Clara, and nine children—Arthur, Mrs. Mildred Lee, Mrs. Geraldine Spruce, Mrs. Clarice Groff, Malcolm, Mrs. Marilyn Smith, George Jr., Horace and Mrs. Joanne Kolker. He also leaves 21 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, and a sister, Mary Clooney of Lafayette, La.

### Decision Expected About Annexation

Arguments by opposing attorneys in the suit of Hills and Dales challenging spoke annexation by the City of San Antonio along IH-10 and Loop 1604 were heard by the Texas Supreme Court in Austin on April 1. A decision is expected momentarily.

The spoke annexation extended the extra-territorial jurisdiction of San Antonio over the site of the new University of Texas and also has prevented Hills and Dales—and Helotes—from incorporating.

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## Person to Person

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Robert Blodgett, senior editor of Flying magazine, was a visitor to Helotes recently, the guest of Col. and Mrs. Carl Crane. Mr. Blodgett lives in Los Angeles, California. It was his first visit to Helotes, although he has long known about Col. Crane's work in instrument flying. The Cranes took Mr. Blodgett to supper at Rudy's and Irene's.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey recently returned from a business and pleasure trip to Puerto Rico. After morning business sessions on the management advisory council for a major Chicago firm, Jack managed to get in some excellent deepsea fishing 15 miles off the coast of San Juan where the big "kings" and "wahoos" were taking the bait. Meanwhile, Betty toured both old and new San Juan and attended noon fashion shows in a famous resort hotel in an old abandoned cathedral. (The Ramseys stayed at the fabulous El Conquistador Hotel in Las Croabas, in the mountains 60 miles east of San Juan.) It was a wonderful trip and an exciting experience, they said, but the best part of all was seeing their son, Mark Lynn, waiting at the airport gate when they returned home. Mark had stayed home with his Aunt Joyce and Uncle Ed Faust in Grey Forest.

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On April 18 a year ago, hail fell the size of mothballs in Leon Valley and Grey Forest, and some folks in San Geronimo refrigerated samples as big as Little League baseballs. . . . And then on April 22 it's time for the first birthday of EARTH DAY, which will be observed here by a flurry of trying to get the local ecology spruced up for the coming Cornyval.

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## Sessions Manages Training of Horses

Stables of Normandie Rose Thoroughbred Farm in San Geronimo, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bodet, have been leased by Sam G. Sessions of San Antonio, a native of Brady, who has spent all his life working with horses. He is accompanied by his wife and infant daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bodet reside at Normandie Rose with their sons and will continue to maintain the Farm except for the stables.

Mr. Sessions says he welcomes visitors. He is usually at the training barn opposite the Farm on Bandera Road. He gives instruction in horsemanship and has both thoroughbred and quarter horses, he said.

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## Expert Says

## There's Still Plenty Of Water Hereabouts

Water conditions in the Edwards underground reservoir, are not as bad as some fear, a statement from the Water District shows. According to William H. Spice, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Directors, because of the protracted dry spell, many have expressed concern over the underground water supply.



GLENN HOWARD

The Arthur Biard Co. is happy to announce that Mr. Glenn Howard has joined its staff. Mr. Howard, a long-time resident of the Helotes-Leon Valley area, invites his many friends to call on him in his new position at the main office of the Biard Co. at 2120 San Pedro. Mr. Howard will be handling sales of all types of real estate and will specialize in the sale of homes, land and ranches in and around the Helotes area.

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Water levels have declined generally throughout the area, he said and of course, the greatest decline is in Bexar County where pumpage is greatest. But conditions in the reservoir vary widely.

There has been a slight decline in water levels in Uvalde County, but because of the proximity of the large recharge sources—primarily, the Nueces River with its vast gravel deposits which store water and release it into the underground reservoir over a long period of time—the depth to water wells in this area varies very little.

In Bexar County, where there is the most pumpage, a cone of depression develops when water is not available to replace withdrawals. And water levels often fluctuate several feet overnight, even when rainfall over the area has been normal.

At New Braunfels, wells close to the Comal Springs have never reflected a significant change in elevation of the water surface. And in 1956 during the worst part of the most severe drought we have had, depth to water in the city's well in Landa Park was only 10 feet below land surface even though Comal Springs ceased flowing.

The important thing to remember, he said, is that as long as usage does not exceed the average annual recharge, and as long as the large springs in New Braunfels and San Marcos are flowing, the only way that lowered water levels affects us is in the cost of lifting water from a greater depth and in the necessity for resetting pumps if they have not been lowered far enough.

During the drought which ended in 1956, the chief difficulty that water users had was due to the fact that pump settings had been made without providing for decline in water levels. When water levels were at 612.5 feet above sea level (the lowest of record in San Antonio) the large well on Salado Creek in Fort Sam Houston, as well as other wells along the southern edge of the reservoir, were still flowing, Spice said.

As long as these wells continue to flow, and as long as water is discharged from Comal and San Marcos Springs, there certainly can be no shortage of water, he added.

When total withdrawals for pumpage between Brackettville and Kyle exceed the average annual recharge of 500,000 acre-feet of water per year, and the springs have stopped flowing, we will have a true reservoir. Water used from the reservoir would then be taken from the underground storage until it is replaced by years of high recharge.

The amount of water in storage below elevation 612.5 feet is unknown and cannot be accurately estimated. However, it is obvious that the underground Edwards limestone formation, which is approximately 500 feet thick and from 5 to 15 miles wide over a

distance of approximately 170 miles, and through which water moves in quantities great enough to provide for some 300,000 acre-feet a year discharge from Comal and San Marcos Springs, contains a substantial amount of stored water.

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